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Subject: FW: AB199 - 2014-2015 History-Social Studies Framework
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From: cecilia gaerlan [mailto:ceciliagaerlan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 9:23 PM
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Subject: Re: AB199 - 2014-2015 History-Social Studies Framework

Dear Angie and friends,

Thank you so much, Angie, for raising the issue of AB199. It has been 3 years since it was passed and approved by the Legislature and signed by Governor Brown. Unfortunately, its implementation remains to be seen. The historical significance of Bataan remains unknown and with only a handful of veterans left, this seminal point in history is in danger of being forgotten. When President Franklin Roosevelt declared war against Japan after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the ravages of war did not reach the continental United States.

Instead, the war was fought in the former colony of the Philippines where thousands of Filipino and American soldiers died.

One of the goals of Bataan Legacy Historical Society is to enable the implementation of AB199 by making presentations in schools and organizations not only in California but across the country.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to Bataan Legacy's next event, **70TH Anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf and Stories from WWII in the Philippines on Friday, October 24 at 6PM.** The event will take place at the Philippine Consulate General office located at 447 Sutter St., Social Hall, San Francisco, CA 94108. Admission is Free. Enclosed are the press release and the flyer. Please let people know about this event.

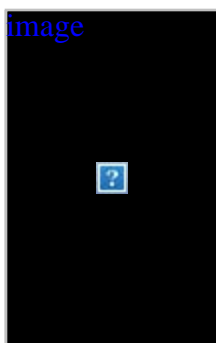
The Battle of Leyte Gulf, considered as the largest naval battle in history, took place between October 23 to 26, 1944. It marked the beginning of the liberation of the Philippines two and a half years after the fall of Bataan on April 9, 1942. It was also the beginning of a massive extermination of civilians by the Imperial Japanese Army culminating in the Battle for Manila. Manila, once called the Pearl of the Orient became the second most devastated city after Warsaw, Poland. By the end of the war, approximately one million civilians had perished.

The Oct. 24 event will feature speakers from the U.S. Navy, as well as veterans and survivors of WWII in the Philippines. Bataan Legacy will also be presented at California State Univ., Chico on Oct. 7, at UC Berkeley on Oct. 30, at University of Hawaii, Manoa on Dec. 5 and in other venues as well. This year, we had an exhibition and presentation at St. Mary's College High School in Berkeley. Please visit the Events page on our website to check out the different presentations.

Please visit our website [BATAAN LEGACY HISTORICAL society](#) for information. If you are interested, I can make a special presentation to you and your colleagues.



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If you have a family member who was in the Philippines during WWII, please let us know your stories. Here is a link to some sample questionnaires that you can use ...

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Thank you so much, Angie, and to everyone for your interest and consideration.

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On Tuesday, September 30, 2014 5:44 PM, "Estonina, Angienette D" <ESTONINAA@sfusd.edu> wrote:

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you are all well. I do miss working with all of you and hope that sometime in the future I will be able to contribute to the great work, in some shape or form, again. I am reaching out to all of you regarding AB199 (see attachment) which was approved by the CA assembly in Sept. 2011 and signed by the Governor in October 2011. I was told by a family friend and founder of the Bataan Legacy Historical Society that there has been no mention of the contributions of Filipinos and Filipino Americans who sacrificed their lives during WWII in the Philippines. The Assembly Bill states that this honorable sacrifice and contribution would be learned by Grades 7-12 students in California (hopefully in other states too). If you would please give this consideration and importance, I would greatly appreciate it, as would the many Filipinos and Filipino Americans in our state and country. This is timely as the draft framework is up for review.

If you wish further information please contact me or Cecilia Gaerlan directly:

Cecilia I. Gaerlan

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Thank you so much for your consideration,

Angie

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On Monday, June 2, 2014 6:50 PM, cecilia gaerlan
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Dear Angie,

We look forward to working with you in this very important project.

Sincerely,

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